

Astro News

SMC commander pins on third star



Photos by Airman 1st Class Angela Steinhauer

(Above) Lt. Gen. Eugene L. Tattini, receives his third star from his wife, Mrs. Jene Tattini and his father, Col. (ret.) Leno Tattini during the general's promotion ceremony Friday at the Fort MacArthur Community Center Ballroom. (Right) Also accompanying Lt. Gen. Tattini during the ceremony were his daughters, Susann and Michelle.



Ronea Alger
Public Affairs Office

The three-star position returned to the Space and Missile Systems Center after an eight-month absence when the commander pinned on the rank of lieutenant general Friday at the Fort MacArthur Community Center ballroom.

Lt. Gen. Eugene L. Tattini received his third star from Gen. George T. Babbitt, commander of the Air Force Materiel Command, during a ceremony recognizing his achievements and merits for promotion.

"There's no more deserving person out there today than General Tattini," said Babbitt. "This reinstatement of the lieutenant general position reaffirms the importance of SMC's role in the Air Force space program."

Accompanying Tattini during the ceremony was his wife, Jene, daughters, Michelle and Susann, father, Col. (ret.) Leno Tattini and brother Col. (ret.) James Tattini. Lt. Gen. Tattini said he wanted to have the ceremony at the ballroom because in 1992, Lt. Gen. Edward P. Barry,

Jr., then SMC commander, officiated at Tattini's pin-on ceremony for his first star on the same stage.

Tattini said that the promotion was a great honor and something that he has always dreamed about.

"This promotion is about luck and timing," Tattini said. "As I look out at all the officers out there, any one of you could be right here, where I am today."

Base computers aid Korean front-line air base

John Ryan
Public Affairs Office

Seventy-two seemingly outdated, low-end Pentium computers from Los Angeles Air Force Base have recently found a home at Osan Air Base, South Korea. Soon, another 28 computers will be going out the warehouse door bound for Osan where they will be welcomed with open arms.

About 250 personnel in the combat communications squadron at Osan need the computers to accomplish their mission. They are tasked with

deploying tactical communications architecture over the entire Korean peninsula, but the squadron is in desperate need of computers.

"When I e-mail their commander, he can't even open up PowerPoint slides," said Lt. Col. Cindy Schaefer, 607th Air Support Operations Group Director of Operations. "He manages millions of dollars worth of equipment and tracks almost everything by grease board."

The Department of Defense process for identifying and donating computers reported a need at Osan Air

Base for relatively quick computer systems, said Ivey Hall, 61st Communications Squadron, Chief, Small Computer Support Branch. "When we got the information about the need for computers in Osan, we were really excited (Knowing we could help)."

Another squadron at Osan, which deploys tactical control troops to direct air strikes at the enemy, was also identified for needing computers.

Being unable to open up a PowerPoint briefing is just one of the problems which impacts the ability of the warfighters at Osan to perform

their staff and wartime functions.

"I have been there and I know first-hand what it is like to perform a job with outdated equipment," said Hall. "It really feels good to help the warfighters accomplish their mission."

"I can't thank you all enough," said Schaefer. "We spend all our money on the wartime mission for parts and upgrades since that is the priority. These computers will truly improve the ability of my staff to support those men and women deployed across the peninsula."

Base remembers the Holocaust

Airman 1st Class Chris McGiveney
61st Air Base Group Chaplain Service Division

Los Angeles Air Force Base will observe “Holocaust Remembrance Week” from Sunday through April 18. This week, called “Days of Remembrance,” is headed by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, which was created by Congress in 1980 to lead the nation in civic commemorations of the Holocaust.

Several events on base have been scheduled in observance of this week to include:

- A presentation titled “The Meaning of Memory” will be given by Rabbi Marvin Hier, the dean and founder of the Simon Wiesenthal Center and Museum of Tolerance in The Club’s Daedalian Room Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Master Sgt. Eugene Chambers at 363-5355.
- A trip sponsored by the community center to the Simon Wiesenthal Center and Museum of Tolerance is April 18. For more information, call Capt. Lisa Day at 363-2806 or Melvin Henry at 363-8225.
- Nandor Markovic, a Holocaust survivor, will be a guest speaker about his experiences during the Holocaust at the Fort MacArthur Chapel April 18 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 363-1956.

“These events will allow base personnel to recall and commemorate the tragedy that befell the millions of Jewish men, women and children that died at the hands of the Nazis during the Holocaust,” said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Alan M. Kalinsky from the 61st Air Base Group Chaplain Service Division.

The Holocaust, also called Shoah in Hebrew, refers to the period from January 30, 1933, when Hitler became chancellor of Germany, to May 8, 1945, when the war in Europe ended, according to the Jewish Student Online Research Center. During this time, Jews in Europe were subjected to persecution that led to the murder of 6,000,000 Jews, 1.5 million of them children, and the destruction of 5,000 Jewish communities. These deaths represented two-thirds of European Jewry and one-third of world Jewry. The Jews who died were not casualties of the fighting in Europe during World War II. Rather, Jews were the victims of Germany’s attempt to annihilate the entire Jewish population of Europe, a plan Hitler called “the Final Solution” or Endlosung.

For more information on the Holocaust visit the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum website at www.ushmm.org.

To the men and women of Los Angeles Air Force Base,

Miss Pam, Matt and I want to thank you for all of your generous and kind thoughts, words and deeds. You have lifted our spirits in our time of greatest sorrow. I can tell you that your prayers, condolences and offerings have meant a great deal to us and have had a positive effect on all of us.

Again, sincere thanks for your generosity and kindness upon the passing of our son Christian into Heaven.

Brig. Gen. Michael P. Wiedemer
Commander Sacramento Air Logistics Center, Calif.

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1999 enlisted promotion rates

In the past two years, new marks for staff, technical and master sergeant promotion rates have been set. The 1999 promotion rates for these grades will continue this positive upward trend. The 1999 promotion rate for staff sergeant is projected to be 28.9 percent, up 6.25 percentage points from the 22.65 percent select rate in 1998. Technical sergeants are projected to have a promotion rate of 24.1 percent — a jump of 5.59 percentage points from the 1998 promotion rate of 18.51 percent.

This year the largest promotion rate increase will come at the master sergeant grade. Officials anticipate an increase of 7.68 percentage points from the 1998 rate of 22.52 percent — the 1999 master sergeant rate is projected to be 30.2 percent.

Promotions to senior master sergeant and chief master sergeant are constrained by law to no more than 3 percent of the total enlisted end strength. With end strength — which is a very dynamic target — as the driving factor in determining their promotion rates it's difficult to precisely predict promotion rates for these two grades. However, at this time, officials anticipate senior and chief promotion rates for these two grades will remain well above the Top Cap minimum promotion selection rates which are 6 percent for seniors and 13 percent for chiefs.

DOD fields new travel system

A new temporary duty travel system will be implemented worldwide by the Defense Department by 2001. The new computer-based system streamlines the entire travel process. Everything from getting orders to making hotel and airline reservations to filing reimbursement vouchers will be done electronically. Getting reimbursed for travel expenses will also be faster and easier.

For more information about the new system, visit the Defense Travel System Project Office Internet home page at www.dtic.mil/travelink.

Private Pickle enlists base youth...



Photo by Teri Mathis

Private Pickle recently visited the Child Development Center and spoke about safety issues concerning the well-being of military children. Col. Dieter Barnes, 61st Air Base Group commander, was on hand to greet the 7-foot-tall pickle and join the children in the various activities.

Courtroom complex earns award

Staff Sgt. Jeff Capenos
Public Affairs Office

The base legal and civil engineering departments earned high honors recently, when one of their facilities was selected to receive an Air Force Merit award.

The base courtroom complex, located in Building 120, was selected by a panel of judges, from more than 300 other nominations Air Force-wide for the 1998 award. The award recognizes the courtroom complex's construction, appearance, functionality and design aspects.

"This award attests to all the effort that went into creating this visible enhancement to SMC," said Col. Scott Bagley, the Space and Missile Systems Center Staff Judge Advocate. "We didn't have any courtroom prior to 1995; we had to borrow different conference rooms across the base to hold trials in. But now SMC can hold trials in an atmosphere which lends dignity to the proceedings."

The courtroom complex, furnishings, and audio visual equipment cost approximately \$800,000. The architects began their design work in October 1995; construction was complete in March 1998. The project involved the renovation of existing office space rather than building a new structure. At the same time, it was unique because three bays of tiny offices were completely gutted to create a new public space.

"When we were designing the courtroom itself, we tried to create a place that was elegant and contemporary, while serving the functional needs of a jury trial," said Deena Weiner-Widran, 61st Air Base Group Civil Engineer Chief of Design. "We tried to create a space (the courtroom) that had impact. We used a long, lighted, vaulted ceiling and colors that made the room appear important and professional."

"In terms of the whole complex, we worked with the architects to create spaces that were functional," Weiner-Widran said. "We put the courtroom in the area on an angle and it allowed us to create interesting spaces for

the rest of the complex's offices."

In addition to the courtroom itself, the complex has a judge's chamber, jury deliberation room, court reporter's office, an office for visiting defense counsels and a waiting room for their witnesses, and an office for visiting prosecutors and a waiting room for their witnesses.

The courtroom also features state-of-the-art technology. The entire room is wired with microphones and a sound system, enabling both spectators and the court reporter to hear what's being said at all times. The counsels' tables, judge's bench, and court reporter's desk have computer monitors embedded in them, which are wired into a series of video monitors that lower from the ceiling, allowing attorneys to display evidence with various computer programs.

"This courtroom has been the culmination of a revolution in military justice at the Center," Bagley said. "We didn't have an Area Defense Counsel on base, and an airman in trouble would have to drive to Vandenberg or Edwards to see a lawyer. We had to borrow court reporters from bases all over the southwest. The majority of the trial participants came in TDY and spent a week living out of a suitcase. Now SMC has its own Area Defense Counsel and court reporter, and we have space for the military judge and visiting counsel to work in a professional atmosphere. We're trying more cases now, and we couldn't handle the volume using borrowed space."

The courtroom and jury deliberation room are available to other organizations for meetings and conferences on a prearranged basis. The value of this multi-use facility was illustrated last fall when an electrical failure prompted the evacuation of the SMC Command Section from Building 105. The SMC commander and his staff relocated to the courtroom complex and were able to regain communications connectivity within an hour thanks to the computer and telephone connections dispersed throughout the courtroom complex.

Celebrate Earth Day ‘99

John Ryan
Public Affairs Office

First celebrated on April 22, 1970, Earth Day is now an international event celebrated in over 100 countries. Los Angeles Air Force Base is an environmental leader and is planning several events to coincide with this year’s events.

“Our cleanup of prior military waste sites, the reduction of our solid waste generation and monitoring the minimization of our hazardous waste puts us in the forefront as one of the Air Force leaders in environmental responsibility,” said Col. Dieter Barnes, 61st Air Base Group commander.

During lunch time in the Area A mall on April 22, Los Angeles AFB will have exhibits displaying the various environmental advances of the command, provide information on ridesharing, recycling, air and water quality, household hazardous waste, and various promotional items. In addition, Edison International will bring their EV 1 electric vehicle, GSA will have a compressed natural gas car on display, and the Automobile Club of Southern California will cut free spare keys for autos. There will be fire prevention and earthquake awareness information available.

“There will be something for everyone,” said Dan Dickerson, Base Rideshare Coordinator.

The Club will also have a barbecue in the mall area. The menu includes: hot links, baked beans, potato salad, burgers, soft drinks and sliced fruit.

Los Angeles Air Force Base will also be represented at the April 24 Earth Day celebration at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen White Drive, San Pedro. Rain or shine, the Earth Day activities will begin at 8 a.m. with a trash pickup of the beach. Hands-on games, exploration, speakers, music, and films are planned from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Also, Katrina Mumaw, the world record child aviator, will sign autographs.

“There will be various exhibits, displays, speakers, and crafts for the entire family to enjoy,” said Linda Chilton of the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Also, military and civilian DoD personnel will not have to pay to park at the aquarium if they display a current Los Angeles Air Force Base parking decal.

“This is a great opportunity for the work force and their families to appreciate their own success and continue to acquaint themselves with new and innovative methods of taking care of our planet,” said Barnes. “We should live Earth Day every day.”

Base contributes to landfill solution

John Ryan
Public Affairs Office

With landfill capacity shrinking everywhere, recycling is no longer an option, but a must to help solve the world’s pollution problem.

In that vein, Los Angeles Air Force Base environmental officials implemented the vigorous Qualified Recycling Program to ensure base participation aimed at reducing disposable waste. Now in its fifth year, the QRP has consistently recycled more than 30 percent of the solid waste produced here, according to Michael Hanna, base pollution prevention manager.

In 1998 alone, 966.5 tons of solid waste were recycled, resulting in 5,862 cubic yards of waste diversion from the landfill. In addition, it brought in \$10,142 for the QRP.

“Aside from generating revenues to support the QRP, recycling does a tremendous good for the environment,”

said Hanna. “Some people tend to focus on the bottom line and overlook the environmental benefits of recycling. While making money is important, we try to educate people that the real value of recycling is environmental preservation of our natural resources for future generations.”

Manufacturing a product with recovered materials—whether it’s paper, plastic, glass, or aluminum—generates less air and water pollution, uses less energy, and preserves natural resources, Hanna said. The amount of glass, aluminum, paper, and newspaper recycled on base in 1996 saved 970,871 kilowatt hours of electricity, 2,940 gallons of fossil fuel, 3,570 trees, 2,400 pounds of raw aluminum, and 14,315 pounds of silica.

“We are hoping that more people will recycle once they realize how much they are contributing,” said Hanna. “The success of the program rests largely on individual participation.”

For details, call 363-0874.

“Recycling does a tremendous good for the environment...”

Michael Hanna
Base Pollution Prevention Manager

Back to the schoolhouse

Discussing the future of military space

2nd Lt. Kenny Decker
Developmental Planning Office

The future of military space was addressed at the Space and Missile Systems Center’s “Schoolhouse” lecture, held March 15.

In his address, Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, Huntington Beach, Calif., focused on the importance of space technology in our country’s future, and the key role the Air Force plays in its development.

“The U.S. is the hope of the world,” he said. “It is our responsibility to remain the technological leader of the world. It is vital to our economy as well as our defense.”

Rohrabacher, a senior member of the House Science Committee and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, is experienced with the challenges con-

fronting military space.

One possible solution to many of these challenges is the exploitation of the commercial space revolution that is happening today. He noted that commercial alternatives must continue to be looked at and specifically commended the Commercial Space Opportunities Study (CSOS) conducted here at SMC. Rohrabacher added that many space jobs in the military could now be done by the commercial sectors; this would allow the military to reallocate resources for future space missions. However, he emphasized that national security must not be jeopardized in the process.

Another key point, the congressman explained, is for the Air Force to continue in the direction of an “Aero-space” Force. He suggested that space and air come together with their capabilities.

“The Air Force should lead the revolution in space,”

Rohrabacher said. “This will get the Air Force back to its original role; as warriors.”

Adding to this, he emphasized the importance of weapons in space. He believes the development of space systems helped end the Cold War and is still vital to our national defense today.

“If we have weapons in space, we won’t need to match the enemy man for man,” he continued. “We owe it to the people defending the United States.”

In conclusion, Rohrabacher stressed the importance of technological advancement. He specifically noted the revolution is taking place with reusable launch vehicles and the opportunity the Air Force has to lead the way.

“The U.S. must carry the torch of liberty and justice, or the world is in trouble,” he stated. “It is up to us. We’ve got to make the investment, have the courage, and lead the technological revolution.”

SMC Today

Got a good story? The staff of the video program, ‘SMC Today’, would love to hear about it. To submit story ideas for ‘SMC Today,’ call Christina Whetsel at 363-0274.

Congratulations!

Officer promotions for April

Wesley A. Ballenger and Daniel A. Cvelbar to colonel; Mark E. Booth, Henry E. Helin, and Michael J. Wallace to lieutenant colonel; Jeffery Breneisen, Arturo M. Buxo, Monica K. Concholar, Robert Costa, Michael E. Crowley, James P. Gates, and Thierry C. Woods to major; Louis A. Noble to captain; and Michelle Brunswick and Keith K. Fisher to first lieutenant.

Enlisted Promotions for April

James V. Duvall and Reginald J. Howell, Jr. to master sergeant; Bruce D. Barry and Delores M. Keith to technical sergeant; Dirk L. Tidwell to staff sergeant; Vontresia S. Dennis, Nathaniel McFarland III, and Rachelle J. Weber to senior airman; Bahira N. Hannibal and Phillip M. Weddington to airman first class; and Mohamed A. Ali II to airman.

Yard of the quarter

Yard of the quarter winners for January through March are: Lt. Col. David and Mary Foy and Staff Sgt. Enrico and Jeanette Pamintuan

CZ Quarterly Award Winners

The NAVSTAR GPS Joint Program Office staff recently announced their individual quarterly award winner for January through March. The winners are: Lt Chris Jordan, Junior CGO; Capt. David Keller, Senior CGO; Master Sgt. Edwin Cotto, senior NCO; Jackie Farley, civilian of the quarter. The People's Choice Award winners are James Kindig and Mike Scott.

The GPS JPO Team Excellence Award Winners: Air Combat Command Roadshow Team; Engineer and Technology Management IPT; Computer Support Corporation CZ Help Desk.

Honor Guard Elite

Senior Airman Cyntrea Cotton

is from Brooklyn, N.Y. and is part of the base Chaplain Service Support Office. She joined the Los Angeles AFB Honor Guard in October 1998, only six months after her arrival on base. She has performed several Color Guard events to include the sabre arch at the SMC Annual Awards



Banquet and the Fort MacArthur monthly retreat. "Watching a video at a newcomer's briefing I received when I first came to LA inspired me to join," Cotton said. Cotton is dedicated to the Honor Guard, and is also enrolled in the Pace program at LA Harbor College. Her superiors have lauded her as a great example of dedication to duty, in serving her country, the Air Force, and the Honor Guard.

Air Force Chief looks back on 29 years

Senior Master Sgt. Jim Katzaman Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — He only had to say the word to stay in his job two more years. Instead, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Eric W. Benken will say goodbye Oct. 31 to the service and the hundreds of thousands of airmen he has represented for the last three years.

With more than 29 years in the military — the last six of which he often spent on the road as top enlisted person for either a numbered air force, major command or the Air Force — the chief decided it was time to let someone else take a turn.

"My wife, Johnne, and I are looking forward to spending a little more time together," the chief said, "and we have an 8-year-old daughter who might look forward to spending more time with me."

Home offers a respite from the lime-light, where every word is scoured for nuance, especially on hot-button issues such as pay and benefits, which remind the chief of some of his disappointments and successes during his term.

"While we have the absolute best Air Force in the world," he said, "we have to struggle with our nation to ensure we remain that way — the defense budget has not supported our military as it has changed from the Cold War to become expeditionary. We now see some change to that, but it's unfortunate that it takes such effort to convince the American people that we still need a strong defense."

The chief took heart in the recent focus on readiness in Congress, noting that the lawmakers seem ready to eliminate the

unfairness of multiple military retirement systems.

And even though the latest congressional commission has tentatively endorsed gender-integrated training, Benken contended that men and women training side by side should no longer be an issue.

"We prove every day that our United States Air Force, which has 99.4 percent of its career paths open to men and women, are trained the right way at Lackland (Air Force Base, Texas). To the naysayers I say, 'show me where we are not getting the work done for America; show me this 'failure' you predict for our forces.' It's just not true."

Getting out the truth proved to be a challenge early in the chief's term. The problem, he discovered, stemmed from a failure to communicate. Information posted and passed along through the Internet, he said, was often distorted.

He and his staff counterattacked by setting up the chief master sergeant of the Air Force home page at <http://www.af.mil/lib/cmsaf/>. Through this site, the chief's office replies to up to 100 messages a day from the field. This also gives the chief a central point to send up-to-date information quickly throughout the force.

This forum, he said, gave him the chance to address some of the hottest topics on airmen's minds: retirement and medical care.

The latter, the chief said, is a serious concern for Air Force families. What was once presented as permanent, free health care has evolved into a health maintenance organization that leaves those aged 65 and older wanting for help. The chief said

Congress needs to fix this oversight.

"The end of the Cold War threw us some changes that we had to adapt to," he said, "and one of them was how we deliver health care. We closed some 243 installations in the Department of Defense and had about a 43-percent drop in infrastructure."

"At the same time, our demographics changed," he said. "We're no longer mostly single; we're now mostly married. Nine million people are eligible for (care at) a military treatment facility. We can't stuff 9 million people into a 43-percent drop in infrastructure. You have to change the way you deliver the benefit, and that's what TRICARE does."

On the job of top enlisted person in the Air Force, the chief found that it goes "far beyond the nuts and bolts of signing off on paperwork. It's the cultural development of our Air Force. It's working the intangibles such as guiding and leading the force, making sure that aspect of it works. It's focusing the force on getting back to basics and fundamental discipline, which I see as the foundation for a strong military. It's setting the force up for success as we go into the next century and become an expeditionary aerospace force."

Benken added that command chief master sergeants and first sergeants "are doing a great job in setting us up for success in 2000 and beyond. We are focusing on the expeditionary aerospace force, making sure our troops know how to deploy. The Warrior Week expansion at basic training and the focus on first sergeants being the key to readiness and deployments will go a long way in helping us make the tran-

sition."

He said he is particularly proud of today's corps of senior noncommissioned officers.

"They have taken on the professional development of our mid-level NCOs through professional development seminars throughout the Air Force. As senior NCOs, the responsibility for their development rests squarely on our shoulders. We must take on the role of recruiters, career advisers and mentors. We are doing a much better job of that, and we must continue to do so."

The chief also paid tribute to Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael E. Ryan and Acting Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters.

"They are addressing every issue — from operations tempo to retirement — with tremendous focus," Benken said. "By tearing down Cold War paradigms and reorganizing our force to do expeditionary-style missions, they are setting our force up for success as we enter the next century."

All told, the chief said the rewards have been well worth the effort.

"It's been 29 years of working with the most fantastic people in the world, 29 years of seeing people reach way beyond what you'd expect them to be able to do," he said. "I saw superb leadership under some very, very tough conditions and saw our troops respond by doing magnificent things for our Air Force and our nation."

"I feel very fortunate to have been able to wear the uniform in serving my country and would do it all over again in a heartbeat."

Base members salute Women’s History Month

Capt. Jodi Unsinger
Public Affairs Office

Twelve Los Angeles Air Force Base members saluted National Women’s History Month in March by visiting classrooms in local schools, promoting women as positive role models.

The initiative, organized by the Space and Missile Systems Center Chapter of the Federal Women’s Program, included visits to five classrooms at three local schools: Dana Middle School in San Pedro, Calif. and Dana Middle School and Anza Elementary School in Hawthorne, Calif. The speakers used “Examine the Possibilities” as their theme and spoke to the students about themselves and what they do at SMC.

They also discussed various careers the students wished to pursue, such as being doctors, lawyers and even pilots and astronauts. Several speakers spoke to each class for about 10 minutes.

In order to focus on the students’ interests, the speakers had the students complete a questionnaire before their visits, asking about their goals and professions they were interested in. The speakers emphasized the importance of education in achieving goals the students were setting for themselves.

“I think they will change their minds many times before they graduate college, but at least we may have opened the doors to the possibilities for their futures, which is what we set out to do,” said Sue Glass, who organized the effort.

Highlights included a Global Positioning System demonstration, a ceremonial weapon demonstration by an honor guard member and accounts by an aeromedical evacuation medical technician.

The speakers also left informational material with each class about women in the science and math professions, bookmarks, pencils, pens and posters.

Participating members were: **1st Lt. John Andrade**, Global Positioning System Engineering

and Integration Division; **Beverly J. Campbell**, Satellite and Launch Control Developmental Directorate; **Sue Glass**, Acquisition Logistics Division; **JoEthel M. Griffin**, Air Force Audit Agency; **Master Sgt. Tracy A. Hudson**, Launch Programs Executive Office; **1st Lt. Catherine N. Kenneally**, Global Positioning System Contracting Division; **Capt. Heather L. McGee**, Global Positioning System Space Segment; **Capt (Dr.) Nagan-Thuy Pham**, 61st Medical Squadron Pediatrics Clinic; **Janice R. Smets**, Acquisition Support Contracting Division; **1st Lt. Anthony M. Underhill**, Global Positioning System User Segment; **1st Lt. Lynda M. Wilson**, Defense Meteorological Satellite Program Systems Engineering/Space Environmental Support System Division; **Faith I. Womack**, 61st Mission Support Squadron Education and Training Flight; **Staff Sgt. Sandra D. Miller**, 61st MDS Pediatric Clinic; and **Tech. Sgt. Belinda Hines**, 61st Civil Engineer Housing Office.

Activity Based Costing-Management model in sight

Cleveland Parker
Public Affairs Office

Commanders and program directors throughout the command will soon have a new management tool for showing where their money goes, if pilot programs being created here and elsewhere are adopted.

A special project team at the Space and Missile Systems Center is developing a center-level pilot model for capturing and managing costs associated with performing tasks and activities in the product support business area. Models for use in other business areas are expected to follow.

Called Activity Based Costing/Management, the model constructed at SMC could be in use at logistics and product centers throughout Air Force Materiel Command by August 1999. Likewise, the “two-letter” model will be applicable to all program offices.

Pilot models completed earlier in AFMC for capturing costs at the “two-letter” level are receiving rave reviews. For example, the pilot constructed and used by the Global Positioning System Joint Program Office can now trace the costs and types of resources used to perform various activities for GPS customers.

“After completing our model with identified resources, activities, cost objects and customers, we conducted surveys to populate our data base,” said Brig. Gen. (S) James Armor, GPS program director. “We used fiscal year 1998 budget data, plugged it into the model and watched as the computer software

generated reports. We were able to show the amount of time and costs associated with performing various tasks, something we have never been able to do before.

“Commanders and program directors at all levels of command can use a better way to determine what it costs to perform an activity. The ABC/M model will make that tool available,” Armor said.

Arthur D. Little, Inc., a private management consulting firm headquartered in Cambridge Mass., is conducting the ABC/M training and model construction for all AFMC agencies. Pete DuBois, Marc Langenberg and Leigh Ray are working closely with the SMC project team.

“ABC/M is not designed to replace

fiscal management programs in use throughout the Air Force today,” Dubois said. “By placing this management tool in a commander’s hands, one can not only see where the money goes, but can identify the numbers and types of resources committed to perform certain tasks. With this information, one can make decisions to improve operations or decide how and where to trim excesses.”

DuBois pointed out that between now and the July 1999 completion date of the pilot project, SMC military and civilian employees will be collecting data based on fiscal year 1998 resources and activities.

Robin Pozniakoff, the SMC team leader, has asked for the cooperation and assistance from all agencies contacted. “To make this project succeed for SMC senior leadership, we have to collect the best and most accurate data available,” he said. “We can only do this through a cooperative team effort.”



Pay Chief says ‘pay will be ok, despite Y2K’

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—Extinction looms for the last “Y2K bugs” that may be hiding in DoD payroll systems, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service director said in a recent interview.

All DFAS payroll computer software has proved Year 2000 compliant and all will be operating on compliant hardware by March 31, Gary W. Amlin said.

“I am very confident that all DoD civilians, military members and retirees will in fact get paid after Jan. 1, 2000,” he said. The service pays 5 million people per month.

The Year 2000 problem, nicknamed “Y2K” and “millennium bug,” refers to a past computer industry practice of writing years with just two digits —

1999 would be “99.” Because of this digital shorthand, on Jan. 1, 2000, some computer systems might treat “00” as “1900” or just shut down. Almost all systems—there are an estimated 10,000 just in DoD — are vulnerable and need to be checked and then, if necessary, fixed to handle the year change correctly. A computer system that can recognize the year 2000 is called “compliant.”

Amlin said the service began work on the problem three years ago. “Last year, it became our No. 1 priority,” he said during an interview. “I feel confident we’ll do extremely well.”

But DFAS doesn’t pay military members, civilians and retirees on its own. It receives personnel information from the various personnel agencies. DFAS workers compute the pay and send the information to the Federal Reserve Bank,

which then distributes payments electronically to thousands of financial institutions.

“The [Federal Reserve Bank] is compliant from a system standpoint and we will continue to test with them,” Amlin said. DFAS started end-to-end testing of the payroll system this month. “(We’re going) from personnel system to payroll to Federal Reserve Bank to financial institutions,” he said.

Tests show the computer interface between DFAS and the Federal Reserve works, he remarked.

The Federal Reserve Bank will support testing of Y2K solutions with selected stateside financial institutions, overseas DoD credit unions, and NationsBank, the defense contractor that provides banking services to all DoD personnel overseas.

The finance and accounting service is also working on contingency plans in case an unexpected Y2K bug crawls out. For example, back-up computer tapes will be on standby at the Federal Reserve Bank in case there’s a data transmission problem. In addition, the service will have an extra stockpile of checks in case individual banks cannot post deposits.

“If an institution does not electronically receive a transaction, we can mail a check,” he said.

Depending on the situation, checks might be for the pay of one person, a handful or all the financial institution’s DoD customers.

Amlin said the U.S. financial community is one of the better prepared in the country. “A recent congressional study said the finance area is a leader in Y2K.”

Stepping up...



Photo by Airman 1st Class Angela Steinhauer

Aerobics instructors Senior Airman La Waune Netter, with the 61st Air Base Group Civil Engineers, and Staff Sgt. Stacy Feth, with the 61st Air Base Group Logistics division, work out during one of the fitness center's aerobics classes.

The Los Angeles Air Force Base Fitness Center hosts aerobics classes: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6, 6:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6, 6:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Also, one class is offered on Saturdays at 9 a.m.

The Fort MacArthur Fitness Center offers aerobics classes: Weekdays at 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 9 a.m.

The following aerobics classes are offered daily, free of charge, at both fitness centers.

Stretch — A morning stretch class at 6 a.m. or the cardio kick class at 6:30 a.m.

Aerobics class — A morning energizer at 11:30 a.m., a calorie burning class at 4:30 p.m.

Kickboxing class — Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

For details, call the center at 363-6815.

Shape up for the millennium

The base fitness center invites everyone to shape up for the millennium by participating in the 14th annual May Fitness Month.

During 1999, fitness centers worldwide will again encourage Air Force personnel to make fitness a regular part of their daily lives. Each base will conduct special events and programs during May and a worldwide 5K fitness run is planned during Armed Forces Week.

"May Fitness Month is really expanding this year," said 1st Lt. Leviticous Cleveland, Combat Support Flight Chief. "There will be more events and prizes, including a trip for four to see the Brickyard 400 in Indianapolis."

The 1999 program will use stamp cards for people to accrue points to win prizes.

"We're working on special fitness events during May such as mud volleyball, fitness assessments, bench press and crunch contests, tennis and racquetball tournaments and more," said Jay Ramalho, fitness center director.

For more information, call the fitness center at 363-6815. (Information courtesy Air Force Services Agency and 61st Air Base Group Services)

Shin splints: *There is relief and prevention*

What is a shin splint?

It's a catch-all term for that excruciating pain below the knee and above the ankle of runners, tennis players, dancers, skaters and athletes who perform on their feet. But what causes shin splints and what are some steps to reduce getting them?

Julie Colliton, M.D., a sports-medicine specialist says shin splints occur when small tears in the muscles of the lower leg pull the muscle off of the bone, causing inflammation of the sheath of tissue that wraps around the tibia, or shin bone. While she contends that orthopedists can differ in their description of

the exact cause of the pain, the treatment and prevention of shin splints is not questioned.

The first and most important action is to either reduce or stop running, depending on the extent of the pain, Colliton said. Reduce the mileage until the pain goes away.

The following are some more tips for combating the pain of shin splints:

■ Ice massage — rubbing ice along the tender parts will help reduce inflammation. Try freezing water in a Styrofoam cup, and use it to massage the affected area, peeling back the cup as the ice melts.

■ Stretch the Achilles tendons and calves in the back of the legs.

■ Stretch the fronts of the shins by kneeling on a carpeted floor with the front of the legs and top of the feet on the floor. Slowly sit back on the calves until you feel the muscles stretching in your shins.

■ Walk on your heels to strengthen the muscles in the front of the shins.

■ Spend five minutes, three times a day, doing these exercises.

■ When you get back to running, wrap your shin — from just above your ankle to just below your knee — with an Ace Bandage. This will bind the tendons against

the sheath to prevent stress. It may take three to six weeks for the pain to subside.

■ Make sure you are wearing shoes for your foot type. Buy shoes from someone who knows how to recommend and fit running shoes properly.

■ Avoid hills and excessively hard surfaces, until the pain subsides.

■ Consider using two pairs of shoes, alternating them to vary the stresses on your legs.

■ If you run on roads with an obvious camber, run out and back on the same side of the road. If running on a track, switch directions. (Story courtesy of Air Force Services Agency)

Sport Shorts

Bowling Team

The following people represented Los Angeles Air Force Base at the Air Force Materiel Command Bowling Championships March 21 to 26: Women's Team: Staff Sgt. Tonya Feather-Browder, Space and Missile Systems Center, Senior Airman Raminah Hartke, SMC, Airman 1st Class Lavon Thorpe, 61st Medical Squadron. Men's Team: Master Sgt. Larry Bottem, 61MDS, Staff Sgt. Patrick Britton, SMC and Staff Sgt. Todd Hartman, 61MDS.

Golf tourney

The 19th Annual PK Golf Tournament is May 7 at the Chester Washington Golf Course. The tournament format will be best ball and team

scramble. Cost is \$55 which includes green fee, cart, food and prizes. The tournament schedule is registration — noon to 12:45 p.m., shotgun start — 1 p.m., awards ceremony — 6 to 7 p.m. To register or for more information, call Brian Reiver at (310) 363-6819 or the tournament chairman, David Alindugan, at (310) 363-0600.

Personal Trainers Available

The fitness center offers the following one-on-one free, individualized fitness training programs: fitness assessments, personal fitness planning, fitness goal setting, lowering cholesterol, strength training, cardiovascular training, proper use of equipment and lifting techniques. To make an appointment, call the center at 363-6815 or ask the front desk for a trainer.

Body building

A body building competition is at Camp Pendleton at 11 a.m. May 15. Registration is \$17 before May 1 — after May 1, the fee is \$25. This event is open to all active duty, reserve, family members, retirees, and Department of Defense civilians. For details, call Tech. Sgt. Juan Gordovez at 363-6815.

Fitness Month

The following events are planned to highlight May as fitness month: Five kilometer fun run or walk, mud volleyball, fitness challenges, power-lifting competition, four-hour aerobathon, crunch contest, 440 meter relay race and a month long "Around the Gym" contest.

Smile big...



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bill Gomez

Capt. Beth Faber, 61st Medical Squadron dental clinic, shows Airman 1st Class Christina Cortez a set of model teeth at the Health and Wellness Fair held at Fort MacArthur, March 27.

Health or Fitness

While health and fitness are related, they're not the same. So which are you seeking from your exercise program?

Health is assessed by traditional indicators such as cholesterol, blood pressure and the absence of disease. According to the American College of Sports Medicine, 30 minutes per day of moderate intensity activities (walking, climbing stairs, household or yard work) can have a positive effect on these and other health factors.

Fitness, on the other hand, is measured by such indicators as cardiovascular and respiratory efficiency, muscle strength, flexibility and body fat. As you might imagine, it takes more exercise to become physically fit.

The ACSM's recommendations for improving fitness combines aerobic activity (a minimum of 20 minutes at 65 to 80 percent of maximum heart rate 3 to 5 days a week), resistance training (twice a week, focusing on the major muscle groups) and stretching exercises three times each week to maintain flexibility.

Your selection of a personal exercise regimen depends on what you are trying to achieve.

Beginning exercisers may want to focus on the health aspects of activity.

Those who have achieved this level may want to pursue the higher goals of fitness through more intense exercise. *(Courtesy of Air Force Services)*

Retirees can now view the Retirees’ Newsletter from the comfort of their web browser or get a copy sent direct by email. To view the newsletter, point your web browser to **www.losangeles.af.mil/ABG/RETIRE.HTM**. To receive the newsletter electronically, send a note with the title “Save the postage, I’ll use the web” or “ Save the postage, email my newsletter” and include retiree’s full name, mailing address, and email address. Our email address is **RAO@losangeles.af.mil**.

More than 2 million people are affected by violence in the workplace yearly. For more information about this problem, attend the free “Violence in the Workplace” two-hour training program on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon in Building 125, Large Titan Conference Room. This training is designed to provide information on how to recognize a potentially violent situation, develop a game plan, and create a safe atmosphere for everyone. The program is open to everyone at SMC.

The Aerospace Players, previously known as the AEA Musical Comedy Club, announce auditions for their summer production of “The Music

Man.” Auditions will be held April 20 and 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Aerospace Building A1, Room 1062. Auditioners should attend either day and might be called back for additional auditions for leading roles on April 22. No preparation is required. Novices are encouraged to audition. The club is also soliciting help for various aspects of backstage and production planning, including orchestra players.

For more information, please call Bob Minnichelli at 336-3386 or Pam Andrade at 336-1945.

There will be a Holocaust Remembrance Month presentation at The Club’s Daedalian Room Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The guest speaker for the event is Rabbi Marvin Hier, founder of the Simon Wiesenthal Center and Museum of Tolerance. The title of his presentation will be “The Meaning of Memory.”

Effective immediately and for a trial basis through April 30, patrons of the base commissary may sign in guests to accompany them when shopping. However, the Defense Commissary Agency regulations prohibit patrons

from purchasing commissary goods for their guests. Failure to abide by the DECA regulations may result in the loss of the patron’s commissary privilege.

A free health care information line is available for Military Health Services System beneficiaries in California and Hawaii with any health questions 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information, call the base clinic’s Managed Care Support Office at 363-5040.

The Military Personnel Flight Customer Service Office in Building 219 will be closed Monday through Wednesday. Military identification cards will not be made during this time. For emergency records situations, please contact Staff Sgt. Syed Sadiq at 363-2213 or Airman 1st Class Rodney Rouzan at 363-2314.

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations provides antiterrorism training to military members and their dependents making permanent changes of station or temporary duty overseas. This briefing is mandatory for military members. The briefing is given the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. in Building 243, Suite 106A.

To schedule an appointment, please call 363-5892/1608.

All calls made in the 310 area code will have to be dialed with 1 + the ten digit number starting April 16.

However, personnel can still dial 911 and continue to use the five digit extensions on base.

Also, due to an increase of phone lines, the Federal Communications Commission and California Public Utilities Commission will add a 424-overlay area code to the 310 area code July 17.

The following tips will help people with the upcoming change:

- Start dialing calls with 1 + the 10 digit number
- Contact equipment vendors to see if your public branch exchange and alarm systems will need to be upgraded to accommodate the overlay area codes.
- Reprogram all speed call lists and auto dial keys with the area code
- Replace business cards, stationery, company checks and letterhead to reflect the 310 or 424 are code.

For detail, call the 61st Communications Squadron’s Telephone Trouble Reporting office at 119 or visit the Pacific Bell website at **www.pacbell.com/about-pb/areacodes/areacodes-02.html**.

Where in the world is the *Astro News*...



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeff Capenos

(Left to right) 1st Lt. John Napier, 2nd Lt. Tonya Summerall, Aaron Renenger and 1st Lt. Michele O’Brien, members of the Space and Missile Systems Center Public Affairs Office, take a break to read the *Astro News* atop Mount Lowe, Calif. To get your picture in the *Astro News*, get a photo of yourself, your friends, your family or anyone reading the *Astro News* near a popular or easily recognizable landmark and submit it to the editor with the names of all the people and the landmark in the photo. To submit a photo, send it to SMC/PAI -- *Astro News* editor, 2430 E. El Segundo Boulevard, Suite 4049, El Segundo, Calif. 90245-4687.

The 61st Air Base Group Services Division will sponsor a free comedy show featuring four comedians at the Fort Mac Hall, Building 425 April 17 beginning at 8 p.m. Identification cardholders and their guests ages 18 or older are welcome. A social hour will begin at 5 p.m. and a snack bar selling hot dogs, nachos, hot links, beer and sodas will be open. The comedians performing are: Steven Victor Bills, Robin Cee, Tim Walkoe and Scott Angrave. Due to occupancy codes, please make your reservations by calling 363-8225.

The services accounting office is offering cash for coins Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Building 219, Room 1400. A five-percent service fee will be charged. For more information call Kathleen Thelen at 363-0305.

The Club
363-2230

Base contractors and Aerospace employees are now eligible to become members of The Club. All new members will receive two free months of membership and a free breakfast. The end of

the drive is April 16, when The Club hosts a special appreciation party in honor of all members. During the party, club members could win a color television. Registration is available at The Club’s cashier cage weekdays. The special incentives are also available to all active duty, retirees and civilian nonmembers who sign up during this drive.

The theme of The Club’s monthly luncheon buffet special is “Boss and Secretary’s Day” which is April 21 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 for secretaries, \$5.95 for members and \$7.95 for nonmembers. All members will receive a \$2 discount.

The April member’s-only special is a chicken-fried steak sandwich for \$3.25. It is served with secret sauce, lettuce, tomatoes and a side order of golden fries.

Vet Clinic
363-8269

The veterinarian is scheduled to be at the Fort MacArthur Veterinarian

Clinic today and April 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 363-8269 to schedule an appointment. Please leave a message on days the clinic is closed. State your name, phone number, animal name and species and what kind of appointment is needed. The clinic will call back with an appointment date and time. The vet clinic is open every Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. for identification cardholders to purchase retail pet products and schedule appointments.

Youth Programs
363-8383

A Community-Spirit month project to brighten up the outside of the youth center by planting flowers is today at 4 p.m. All children are invited to help.

The Teen Center hosts a Teen Summit on April 22 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Center. This Summit is open to high school teens. The summit features the opportunity for teens to discuss issues that affect them and the area.

Registration for T-ball, coach-pitch ball and softball ends April 2. T-ball is for children ages 4 and 5, coach-pitch ball is for children ages 6 to 8, and softball is for children ages 9 to 11, and girls, ages 12 to 14. The cost for the season is \$23 for members and \$33 for non-members.

A community clean up of a local beach sponsored by the youth center is today and departs from the youth center at 4 p.m. and returns at approximately 5:30p.m. Cookies and punch will be served upon returning to the youth center.

Teen’s night is at the teen center April 17 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Activities include watching videos, playing basketball, volleyball, pool, ping-pong and more. The cost is \$2 for members \$5 for non-members.

The youth center is looking for instructors to teach ballet, tap dancing, gymnastics and piano. For more information, call the center and ask for Rebecca Burns.

Child Development Center
363-8334/8335

The Fort MacArthur CDC hosts a parent-and-child barbecue April 16 at 11 a.m. Parent volunteers are needed to assist with the food preparations and grilling. Registration for the lunch is at the center’s front desk.

A parent forum is at the community center’s southwest room April 13 at 7 p.m. Parents are invited to attend. A panel of experts will be briefing childcare trends and issues. The panel will consist of childcare specialists, a developmental child psychologist, a nutritionist, pediatricians, clinic staff, social actions staff and others. Free child care is offered.

The parents of children in Rooms 1 and 3 at the Fort MacArthur CDC are invited to the Playscape Luncheon today from 10 a.m. to noon. Register by April 7.

The El Segundo CDC hosts parent’s appreciation luncheons in April to celebrate “The Month of the Military Child”. All lunches will be served from 11 a.m. to noon in Buildings 207 and 208. The following is a list of luncheon menus: Today is Mexican, April 16 is Asian, April 23 is Italian and April 30 is American foods. Please sign up no later than the Wednesday before the luncheon.

An ice cream social is at the El Segundo CDC April 9 from 2 to 3 p.m. for all kids and parents. Register by April 9 to attend.

The base CDC will host an open-house quilt display featuring the theme of “The Fabric of our Life” Tuesday.

Family Child Care
833-8335

A “Month of the Military Child” family childcare picnic is April 23 at the Korean Bell Park in San Pedro and starts at 11 a.m. Parents of children enrolled in family childcare are asked to provide nutritious dishes and finger foods. Please call to register.

The Community Center
363-8225

The center offers craft classes every second Wednesday of the month.

April’s class is about making Mother’s Day corsages. The class is held at the center Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost of the class is \$15 plus supplies. Supplies may be purchased from the instructor. The last day to sign up and pay for the class is Monday. This event is open to all military identification card holders and their guests.

The center hosts an annual Mother’s Day Brunch May 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$15.50 for adults and \$7.50 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 are free. Deadline for reservations is April 30. The menu includes: a crepe bar, omelet bar, prime rib, roast ham, salads, deserts, champagne, assorted breads and muffins and more. To make reservations, call the center at 363-8225.

The center offers the following events:

May: Performing arts trip to play or show, TV taping, craft classes: birdhouse key holder or planter making, Mother’s Day Brunch, family bingo

June: Baseball game, TV taping, Tijuana trip, craft class: photo albums

July: Summer Bash, museum trip, TV taping, craft class: decorative door knob hangers

Harbor View Room Friday Night Schedule

April 9: DJ Strozier plays contemporary, oldies and hip-hop music from 8 p.m. to midnight

April 16: Karaoke by Jerky Steve from 8 p.m. to midnight

April 23: DJ and Karaoke with Dion from 8 p.m. to midnight

April 30: Customer’s choice – bring your own compact discs and we’ll play them

The community center is sponsoring a trip to the 1999 Pow Wow Festival at University of California at Los Angeles May 1 at 10 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Representatives from different Native American tribes share their culture and traditions in music, dances, food and games. The cost for the trip is \$3 per person and the registration deadline is April 30.

A trip to The Museum of Tolerance is April 18 and only 20 tickets are available. The trip will depart the community center at 3:15 p.m. and return by 8 p.m. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, \$6 for seniors and \$3 for children.

Equipment Rental
363-2190

Los Angeles Air Force Base operates a family campground. The Famcamp offers 14 hardstand units with hookups for water and electricity. It is open year round and advanced reservations are accepted. The camp is located two miles south of the base in Lawndale, Calif. It is located on Aviation Blvd between Marine and Rosecrans Aves. The fee is \$8 per day. To make a reservation, call 363-2081.

The April’s equipment rental office specials are picnic packs. A large canopy, four chairs, 150 quart cooler, Frisbee and volleyball set for \$30. Also available is a small canopy, two chairs, 100-quart cooler, Frisbee and volleyball set for \$22.50

The equipment rental of-

ffice has a free trade board for personnel wishing to buy, sell or trade something by posting a card. The board is located just inside the door of Building 220.

Tickets and Information
363-2190

Tickets and Information offers reduced priced tickets to Legoland. Prices for adults are \$27.50 and children ages 3-16 are \$21.50. Regular gate prices are adults \$35.50 and children \$25.50.

San Diego Zoo tickets are available for \$17.70 per adult and \$10.10 per child. The zoo features animals from all over the world in natural habitats.

Auto Skills Center
363-1705

The auto skills center’s April special is \$5 off of an engine tune up and oil change. The center also has new hours of operation, Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Numbers and hours of operation		
Base Exchange	640-0129	Mon to Sat 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Commissary	363-2767	Tue to Sat 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Shoppette	832-9611	Sun to Mon 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tue to Sat 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Class Six	322-7533	Tue to Sat 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Gas Station	615-0295	Mon to Fri 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sat 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Youth Services	363-8383	Mon to Fri 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Pool		Closed; will reopen Memorial Day
Teen Center	363-8381	Tue to Thu 3 to 10 p.m. Fri to Sat 3 to 11 p.m.
CDC (Fort MacArthur)	363-8335	Mon to Fri 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
CDC (LAAFB)	363-1792	6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays
Equipment Rental	363-2081	Mon to Fri 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Auto Skills Center	363-1705	Tue to Thu 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fri to Sat 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Community Center	363-8225	Mon to Fri 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Fitness Center (LAAFB)	363-6815	Mon to Fri 5 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Sat and Sun 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Fitness Center (Fort MacArthur)	363-8361	Mon to Fri 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sat and Sun 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tickets and Tours	363-2190	Mon to Fri 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Fort MacArthur Inn	363-8296	Mon to Fri 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sat and Sun 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Library	363-8265	Tue 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wed 3 to 7 p.m.
The Club	363-2230	Mon to Fri: Breakfast 6:30 to 9:30 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; snacks 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; bar Fri 4 p.m. to 12 a.m.; office 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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